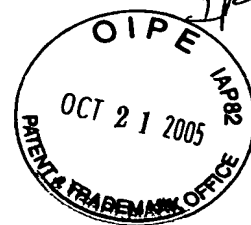


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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.  
The fee for this Amendment has been calculated as follows:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest Number Previously Paid For	(3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee	Fee Code
Total Claims * 7	Minus	** 20 =	0 X	\$ 50	= \$ 0	103
Independent Claims 2	Minus	** 3 =	0 X	\$ 200	= \$ 0	102
First presentation of multiple dependent claims (\$360)					= \$	104
Total additional fee for this Amendment					\$ 0	

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- ☒ No additional fee is required.
  - ☐ Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 16-2440 for this Amendment. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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Respectfully submitted,

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In response to the Office Action dated July 27, 2005, kindly amend the application as follows: